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**FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON SEPARATIONS SEEKS COMMENT ON  
REFERRAL FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF RULE CHANGES TO PART 36  
AS A RESULT OF COMMISSION REVISIONS TO PART 32 ACCOUNTING RULES**

**WC Docket No. 14-130; CC Docket No. 80-286**

**Comment Date: May 24, 2017**

**Reply Comment Date: June 8, 2017**

On February 23, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Report and Order (Order) which revised certain accounting rules found in Part 32 of its rules, and streamlined and eliminated select additional accounting rules.<sup>1</sup> The *Order* refers to the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations “the issue of examining jurisdictional separations rules in light of the reforms adopted.”<sup>2</sup> The *Order* also asks the Joint Board to consider how such reforms impact Part 36 rules to ensure that jurisdictional separations rules are consistent.<sup>3</sup> The Joint Board seeks comment on these issues.

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the respective dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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<sup>1</sup> *Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts, Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board*, WC Docket No. 14-130, CC Docket No. 80-286, Report and Order, FCC 17-15 (Feb. 24, 2017) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Order* at 15, para. 46.

<sup>3</sup> *Order* at 15, para. 46.

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<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*